

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 17, 18 and 31-54 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, non-entered claims 19-30 (added in the March 23, 2004 Amendment) are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 are amended, and claims 31-54 are added. Claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 are amended to recite features supported in the specification at, for example, page 10, line 2 – page 11, line 11 and Figs. 3A-4B. Claims 31-46 are added to recite features supported in the specification at, for example, page 11, line 20 – page 13, line 12 and Figs. 5A-5G. Claims 47-54 are added to recite features supported in the specification at, for example, page 9, line 23 – page 13, line 12 and Figs. 2, 3 and 5A-5G. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Nguyen during the June 21, 2005 interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,388,649 to Tanaka *et al.* ("Tanaka") in view of U.S. Patent 5,153,761 to Marlor. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the interview, Tanaka and Marlor, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a recording method for a photo addressable recording medium including the period duration features recited in claim 3 and also similarly recited depending on a polarity of an applied voltage in claim 17.

Also as agreed during the interview, Tanaka and Marlor, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest a recording method for a photo addressable recording medium including the period duration features recited in claim 4 and also similarly recited depending on a

polarity of an applied voltage in claim 18.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that the independent claims are patentable over the applied references. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn. Also, the added dependent claims are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons discussed, as well as for the additional features they recite. Consequently, all the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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